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TITLE: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR CONTINUOUSLY SHAPING A PLATE IN
PLASTIC MATERIAL ACCORDING TO AN UNDULATED PROFILE

Amendment A: REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, original Claims 1 - 13 have been canceled and new Claims 14 - 23 substituted therefor. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the forgoing amendments and present remarks, is respectfully requested. The present amendments have been entered for the purpose of placing the claim language into a more proper U.S. format and also for the purpose for the placing the application into a proper condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, it was indicated that Claims 3 - 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 2 and 13 were previously withdrawn for consideration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.143(b) as being drawn to a non-elected invention. It was further indicated that Claims 3 - 12 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the formality objections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Additionally, the title was objected to as requiring revision in view of the previous election of the apparatus claim.

As an overview to the present reply, Applicant has extensively amended the claim language in the form of new Claims 14 - 23. New Claims 14 - 23 reflect the limitations of previous Claims 3 - 12, respectively. In particular, independent Claim 14 has been revised so as to reflect the

limitations of previous independent Claim 3, but expresses such limitations in a more proper U.S. format, including proper antecedent bases and proper structural interrelationships throughout. Any indefinite terminology found in the original claim language has been corrected herein. Similar amendments have been made with respect to dependent Claims 15 - 23 such that the dependent claims are also expressed in a more proper U.S. format.

Applicant has revised the title to "Apparatus for Continuously Shaping an Undulating Profile into a Plate of Polymeric Material" so as to conform with the elected claims in the present application. This new title reflects the preamble language found in independent Claim 14.

Based upon the foregoing analysis, Applicant contends that independent Claim 14 is now in proper condition for allowance. Additionally, those claims which are dependent upon Claim 14 should also be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims at an early date is earnestly solicited. Since no new claims have been added above those originally paid for, no additional fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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